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AUDIO CODING WITH NOISE)
SUPPRESSION)

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Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements (IDSs) submitted on January 13, 2005, and September 4, 2003, Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08. This IDS is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

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